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July 17, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

LOBBYIST ORDINANCE PENALTY ASSESSMENTS (ALL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTE)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. In accordance with Section 2.160.150 of the Los Angeles County Code, direct County Counsel to bring civil action against Maximus, Inc. a registered lobbyist employer, in the amount of \$2,000, for its failure to file a quarterly lobbying report for the period of January 1, 2007 through March 31, 2007.
2. In accordance with Section 2.160.150 of the Los Angeles County Code, bar Maximus, Inc. from being granted a County contract, permit, grant, license or franchise and terminate their registration until such time as they are in compliance with the lobbyist ordinance.
3. Instruct the Executive Officer to notify Maximus, Inc. and all County Department and District Heads of your Board's action.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On April 6, 1993, your Board adopted Ordinance No. 93-0031 (Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles County Code), the lobbyist ordinance. The ordinance requires that individuals and entities that seek to influence County officials register as lobbying firms or lobbyist employers. The ordinance also requires quarterly lobbying activity reports to be filed by all registrants. The ordinance contains certain penalties for those who fail to adhere to the provisions of the ordinance.

Maximus, Inc. registered as a lobbyist employer on February 17, 1998. On three different dates they were notified to submit a quarterly report for the period of January 1, 2007 through March 31, 2007. They have failed to file the quarterly report, pay the \$15 filing fee and pay the \$250 late penalty.

Attached are copies of the letters sent to Maximus, Inc. by my office. They have been notified by certified mail that this matter has been placed on your Board's agenda in the event a representative may wish to testify.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Total penalties in an amount of up to \$2,000 against Maximus, Inc. will partially offset County Counsel's expenses in preparing the suit. There are no other direct costs associated with this action because court fees are waived for the County.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Section 2.160.080 of the Los Angeles County Code requires lobbyist employers to submit quarterly lobbyist reports at the end of the month following each calendar quarter. Maximus, Inc. registered as a lobbyist employer on February 17, 1998. Maximus, Inc. was notified on March 22, 2007 that the quarterly report was due on April 30, 2007 covering the period of January 1, 2007 through March 31, 2007. On May 15, 2007, Maximus, Inc. was notified that the quarterly report had not been filed and a fine of \$250 would be imposed if the required report was not filed by May 25, 2007. On June 6, 2007, a certified letter was sent notifying Maximus, Inc. that the \$250 fine had been imposed and the report, filing fee and fine were required to be filed by June 20, 2007. Further, Maximus, Inc. was informed that if the report, filing fee and fine were not filed by June 20, 2007 additional penalties would be imposed for their failure to comply with reporting requirements. To date, the report has not been filed.

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In accordance with Section 2.160.150 of the Los Angeles County Code, the Executive Officer has determined that Maximus, Inc. has violated the lobbyist ordinance. The ordinance empowers your Board to impose sanctions on any person or entity in violation of the lobbyist ordinance, including but not limited to, directing the County Counsel to file a civil action.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

Approval of the action recommended in this letter will have minor impact on the Office of the County Counsel, which will file a civil action against Maximus, Inc. in the Superior Court.

Respectfully submitted,



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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Attachments (4)

- c. Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel

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March 22, 2007

TO: Lobbyist Employers
FROM: Donato B. Garcia *DBG*
Conflict/Lobbyist Division
SUBJECT: QUARTERLY LOBBYIST REPORTS

Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles County Code, the Los Angeles County lobbyist registration ordinance, as amended, requires you to file quarterly reports of lobbyist employer activities. The ordinance imposes substantial penalties for failure to file the reports with the Executive Office by the end of the month following the close of the quarter.

This quarter's reports must be signed by the Responsible Officer for your organization and submitted to this office by **Monday, April 30, 2007**. Your quarterly report must cover the period from January 1, 2007 through March 31, 2007. **Even though you may not have had activity this quarter, you must still file a quarterly report.**

Enclosed you will find a Lobbyist Employer Quarterly Report (Form LOB 8) that you must file. If you, as a lobbyist employer, have in-house employee lobbyists, you must also file a Lobbyist Quarterly Report (Form LOB 6) for each in-house lobbyist.

NOTE: In the event you wish to terminate your organization's registration, you may do so by checking the box on the front page of the Form LOB 8 under Part I - Notice of Termination. However, if you only want to terminate the registration of an in-house employee, you must file an Amendment to Registration Statement (Form LOB 5) with this office.

The ordinance requires a \$15 fee to accompany the quarterly report(s). If paying by check, please make it payable to Los Angeles County.

The lobbyist registration ordinance also authorizes a \$250 fine for late filings. **We strongly urge you to file your quarterly report by the April 30, 2007 deadline.**

Enclosed are the forms you require based on your filing status. The forms must be **originally signed and mailed via the U.S. mail or other delivery services**. The report is not acceptable if it is filed via fax equipment. If you have questions or need additional forms, please call George Britton of my staff at (213) 974-1093.

Enclosure

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May 15, 2007

Ms. Rachael Rowland
Maximus, Inc.
11419 Sunset Hills Road
Reston, VA 20190

Dear Ms. Rowland:

DELINQUENT NOTICE

By memo dated March 22, 2007, you were notified that, as a County of Los Angeles Lobbying Firm or Lobbyist Employer, you were required to file a quarterly activity report by April 30, 2007. As of today, our office has not received your quarterly report.

Chapter 2.160, Section 2.160.140 of the Los Angeles County code imposes a \$250 fine for the late filing of the quarterly reports, in addition to the \$15 reporting fee. In order to avoid the \$250 fine please file your quarterly report with our office by **Friday, May 25, 2007.**

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, you may contact me at (213) 974-1578 or George Britton of my staff at (213) 974-1093.

Very truly yours,

DONATO B. GARCIA
CHIEF CONFLICT OF INTEREST/LOBBYIST

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June 6, 2007

Ms. Rachael Rowland
Maximus, Inc.
11419 Sunset Hills Road
Reston, VA 20190

Dear Ms. Rowland:

NOTICE OF FINE

According to our records, your Lobbyist Employer Quarterly Report (Form LOB 8) for the period of January through March of 2007 has not been filed with this office.

Our initial letter which accompanied your forms and explained your filing obligation was sent to you on March 22, 2007. On May 15, 2007, we again informed you of the filing requirements and that a fine of \$250 would be imposed if your quarterly report was not filed in this office by May 25, 2007.

Please remit to this office, by **Wednesday, June 20, 2007**, a check or money order in the amount of \$250, made payable to the County of Los Angeles. You must still submit your quarterly report along with the \$15 filing fee by that same date.

If we do not receive your quarterly report, filing fee and payment of the \$250 fine by Wednesday, June 20, 2007, there will be an immediate recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to terminate your registration. In addition, the recommendation will instruct County Counsel to file a civil lawsuit against your company in superior court. Legal action against you could result in a judgment against you that would include the actual cost of the filing fee and the actual cost of service of process. (Code of Civil Procedure section 1033)

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me at (213) 974-1578 or George Britton at (213) 974-1093.

Very truly yours,

DONATO B. GARCIA
Chief Conflict of Interest/Lobbyist

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SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION

- Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Also complete item 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
- Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

1. Article Addressed to:

Ms. Rachael Rowland
Maximus, Inc.
11419 Sunset Hills Road
Reston, VA 20190

2. Article Number

(Transfer from service label)

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PS Form 3811, February 2004

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X *B. R. Rowland*☐ Agent☐ Addressee

B. Received by (Printed Name)

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D. Is delivery address different from item 1?

☐ Yes

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Maximus, Inc.
11419 Sunset Hills Road
Reston, VA 20190

PS Form 3800, June 2002

See Reverse for Instructions

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